

1-5 DECEMBER, 2008, SANKT-PETERGBURG, RUSSIA. INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE “MODERN APPROACHES TO TEACHING RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE AT SCHOOL”

International scientific conference “Modern approaches to teaching Russian language and literature at school” took place on 1-5 December, 2008 in Sankt-Petersburg Academy of post-graduate teachers education.

Rozalia Kirnasovska, teacher trainer of Kiev Regional In-Service Teacher Training Institute, and Tetyana Klymenko, head teacher of Bila Tserkva school 1 specialized in teaching Slavic languages, participated in the conference. The delegates of the conference were able to choose debate sessions according to their interests.



The conference covered the following areas:

- Teaching Russian in the bilingual conditions
- Cultural aspect in teaching Russian
- Learning technologies in the process of teaching Russian

The participants had a chance to visit workshops “Using projects in teaching modern Russian literature”, “The ways of developing information”, “Searching approach in text analyses”.

Demo lessons of Russian language, Russian literature and extra curricular activity were conducted by the best the best teachers at secondary schools 524, 525.

The delegates were offered a lively and varied programme of social events and excursions making full use of the history surrounding the conference venue.

18-20 NOVEMBER, 2008, BAKU, AZERBAIJAN. FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR POST-GRADUATE TEACHER EDUCATION

The First International Conference for post-graduate teacher education took place at Baku In-Service Teacher Training and Retraining Institute (Azerbaijan) from 18-20 November 2008. The conference brought together experts, policy makers, practitioners, academics and researchers to share experiences and debate new initiatives in the in-service education.

Delegates representing wide range of institutions attended and exchanged their ideas through the plenary, symposia, workshops, debates and presentations.

The conference was generously supported by the Ministry of Education of the Azerbaijan Republic.

The conference was organized and by

- Baku In-Service Teacher Training and Retraining Institute (Azerbaijan),
- Kiev Regional In-Service Teacher Training Institute (Ukraine),
- Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University (Azerbaijan),
- Azerbaijan Teachers Institute (Azerbaijan),
- Lugansk Regional In-Service Teacher Training Institute (Ukraine),
- Minsk In-Service Teacher Training and Retraining Institute (Belarus),
- Gomel Regional In-Service Teacher Training Institute (Belarus)

Kiev, Lugansk and Mykolayiv Regional In-Service Teacher Training Institutes presented Ukraine at the conference. The delegates from Kiev Regional In-Service Teacher Training Institute were **N. Benderets**, vice-rector of the Institute on international relations, **S. Kovalyova**, head of the faculty of pedagogical skills and **L. Kaban**, scientific secretary of the Institute.

The Conference was opened by the report of **Prof. Irada Guseynova**, the Deputy Minister of Education of the Azerbaijan Republic. During the plenary the delegates listened to the reports of **Prof. Asaf Zamanov**, rector of Baku In-Service Teacher Training and Retraining Institute, prof. **Tamara Sorochan**, rector of Lugansk Regional In-Service Teacher Training Institute, associate professor **Nadejda Ogrenich**, rector of Mykolayiv Regional In-Service Teacher Training Institute.

The delegates of the conference visited Sumgait private school – lyceum, learned the experience of developing a school complex. The administration of the school initiated cooperation with educational establishments of Ukraine.



6-15 NOVEMBER, 2008. INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME “MATRA” PROJECT

In November 2008 *Olha Tomey*, teacher trainer from KRISTTI participated in the international educational programme which is a part of long term “MATRA” project. The aim of the seminar is to share experience in adaptation of the textbooks “Using innovation technologies in the process of preparation of educators of pre-school establishments”, “Management of the heads of pre-school establishments and primary schools”. The exchange programme was organized by “Fontis” University of Science (Netherlands) and “Step by step” All-Ukrainian Fund. The project was funded by “MATRA”.

Olha Tomey received the certificate, which notifies her participation in the seminar in Netherlands on the question of development and training of educators of pre-school and primary schools establishments.



6-7 NOVEMBER, 2008. PROJECT “LOOK FOR SIMILARITIES – UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE. MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION AT SCHOOL”

In 2008 The Main Center of Teacher Education (Poland) developed and managed the **project “Look for similarities – understand the difference. Multicultural education at school”** on the territory of Ukraine. The project is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland. The project employs innovative methods of teaching and achieved impressive results in its pilot groups.

60 trainers were prepared on this topic. They developed teaching materials and conducted trainings for 1500 teachers from all over Ukraine.

On November 6-7 a seminar “Multicultural education at a secondary school” was held for the teachers of humanitarian disciplines in Kiev Regional In-Service Teacher Training Institute. During the seminar teachers got the instructions and received literature for their lessons at schools.

The final conference took place in Poland. Iryna Bondaruk, the head of History and Law Department of KRISTTI participated in the event. The conference summarized the project results.



**MARCH 2008. INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS CONFERENCE “INTERNATIONAL
DIALOGUE THROUGH EDUCATION”**



International Awareness Conference “**International Dialogue through Education**” was held in Kiev In-Service Teacher Training Institute. The conference introduced the project of the Council of Europe “Management of Cultural and Religious Diversity through Education in South Caucasus and Ukraine”, its concepts, aims and goals.



The project aims to strengthen the democratic voice in Ukraine by increasing the capacity of schools, local communities and civil society organizations to help vulnerable people influence policy and the delivery of services. The project is funded by the Council of Europe and managed by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. The event participants included scientists, heads of schools, teacher trainers, community activists and NGO leaders.